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<i>MONTANA NATURAL RESOURCE GRANT PROGRAMS</i>							
Agency and Grant Program	Program Purpose and Objective	Who Can Apply	Program Contact	Program Website	Application Due Dates	Match	Dollar Limits Per Application
DEQ - Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 319 Program	Address nonpoint source water pollution. Two categories of applications: 1) Watershed Restoration (including groundwater) or 2) Education and Outreach.	Governmental Entities and 501c(3)	Robert Ray, DEQ, 406-444-5319, rray@mt.gov	http://www.deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/nonpoint/319Grants.mcpx	Proposal 7/29/2011 Final Application 10/7/11	Yes	Varies by application category: Watershed Rest. \$300,000; E&O \$25,000
DEQ - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Program	Drinking water projects which achieve or maintain compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. All projects anticipating the use of SRF funding must be included on the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan.	All community public water systems owned by private persons or municipalities and nonprofit noncommunity water systems	Mark Smith,DEQ, 406-444-5325 marks@mt.gov	http://deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/srf/DWSRF/default.mcpx	Open Cycle	No	100% of eligible project costs can be borrowed-planning costs covered; ability to repay loan must be shown
DEQ - Volunteer Monitoring Laboratory Analysis Assistance	Support voluntary water quality monitoring efforts. DEQ-approved Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) must be in place prior to sampling.	Governmental Entities and 501c(3)	Robert Ray, DEQ, 406-444-5319, rray@mt.gov	http://www.deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/nonpoint/nonpointsourceprogram.mcpx	first come-first serve basis	No	\$2,000
DEQ Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund (WPCSRF) Loan Program	Wastewater or nonpoint source pollution projects. All projects anticipating the use of SRF funding must be included on the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan for the fiscal year in which funding is anticipated.	Municipalities for wastewater projects- municipalities and private entities for nonpoint source projects	Paul LaVigne, DEQ, 406-444-5321 plavigne@mt.gov	http://www.deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/srf/WPCSRF/default.mcpx	Open Cycle	No	100% of eligible project costs can be borrowed-planning costs covered; ability to repay loan must be shown
DNRC - Conservation District Technical Assistance	Grants may be used for technical assistance necessary to get projects on the ground.	Conservation Districts	Laurie Zeller, DNRC, 406-444-6668, lzeller@mt.gov	http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/ConservationDistricts/Default.asp	Anytime	No	No Limit
DNRC - Conservation Districts Grant Program (223 Grants)	Conservation related activities sponsored by a conservation district.	Conservation Districts	Linda Brander, DNRC, 406-444-6668, lbrander@mt.gov	http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/ConservationDistricts/Default.asp	Jan/May/ Aug/ Oct (varies)	Yes/No	\$15,000, but may exceed if justified
DNRC - FD Forestry Assistance Bureau - Urban & Community Forestry - Program Development	Development of local urban forestry programs. Examples: conducting an urban forestry project e.g.; tree/vegetation inventory, writing an urban forest management plan based upon a tree inventory, writing a city/county approved tree ordinance. All projects must be done on publicly owned land.	City, town, county, and tribal governments	Jamie Kirby, DNRC, 406-542-4288, jamiekirby@mt.gov	http://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Assistance/Urban/Grants.asp	30-Oct	An additional 100% of award	Varies - \$20,000 maximum
DNRC - FD Urban & Community Forestry - Arbor Day	Help communities celebrate Arbor Day through tree planting projects. All projects must be done on publicly owned land.	City, town, county, & tribal governments & other not-for-profit organizations	Jamie Kirby, DNRC, 406-542-4288, jamiekirby@mt.gov	http://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Assistance/Urban/Grants.asp	January - February	No	\$750 for communities with Tree City USA designation. \$300 for non-designated communities
DNRC - FD Urban & Community Forestry - Excellence Awards	Excellence Awards are grants to top regional communities in the State for urban forestry related projects. Must be done on publicly owned land.	City, town, county, and tribal governments	Jamie Kirby, DNRC, 406-542-4288, jamiekirby@mt.gov	http://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Assistance/Urban/Grants.asp	August-September	No	Maximum award \$1,000
DNRC - FD Forestry Assistance Bureau - Hazardous Fuels Reduction	Protect communities within the wildland urban interface (WUI) when hazard fuels reduction activities (prescribed fires) are planned on National Forest System (NFS) lands that have the potential to place such communities at risk. Timing between project initiations on NFS lands & non-federal lands should be planned to achieve benefits from proximity and leverage treatment effectiveness	Communities, Homeowner Assns., Fire Depts., RC&Ds, CD's	Angela Mallon, DNRC, 406-542-4221, amallon@mt.gov	None	Contact Program Administrator for more details	No match required. DNRC administers as a 75-25 cost-share	No
DNRC - FD Forestry Assistance Bureau- National Fire Plan	Fuels mitigation, planning, education, and homeowner action.	Communities, Homeowner Assns., Fire Depts., RC&Ds, CD's	Angela Mallon, DNRC, 406-542-4221, amallon@mt.gov	http://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Assistance/Private%20Forestry/wuigrants.asp	August-September	50-50	Maximum request is \$300,000
DNRC - FD Fire & Aviation Management Bureau - Rural Fire Assistance	The funding request is limited to training, equipment, and prevention activities. The RFD has the capability to meet cost-share at a minimum of 10%, which may include in-kind services.	Fire Service Organizations serving communities with a population under 10,000	Doug Williams, DNRC, 406-622-5455, dwilliams4@mt.gov	http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/fire/	March	90 - 10 (10% match required)	No

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DNRC - FD Forestry Assistance Bureau - Western States Competitive Grants	Forest stewardship, health fuels treatments, planning, education, biomass, and Urban Forestry	Grant process handled internally through State Forester's Office. Work with local Service Forester	Dan Rogers, DNRC, 406-542-4326, danrogers@mt.gov	http://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Assistance/compgrants.asp	August-September	50 - 50	Maximum request is \$300,000
DNRC - FD Forestry Assistance Bureau - Forest Health	Activities that reduce the susceptibility of a forest to insects and diseases, restore forest ecosystems after a major disturbance, study the impacts of insects and diseases on forest ecosystems, or prevent and/or detect introductions of non-native invasive organisms.	Municipal and state land managers interested in conducting forest management activities that reduce the susceptibility to, and impact of, forest insects and diseases.	Amy Gannon, DNRC, 406-542-4283, agannon@mt.gov	http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/assistance/pests	Varies	50 - 50	No
DNRC - FD Woody Biomass Utilization	Eligible grant activities vary from feasibility studies to planning, design or permitting of small diameter/woody biomass utilization projects, and equipment and construction costs.	Private businesses, public entities, state and local governments, institutions, tribal, and non-profit entities.	Julie Kies,DNRC, 406-542-4280, jkies@mt.gov	http://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Assistance/Biomass/FinAsst/FinAsst.asp	Varies	Varies	Varies
DNRC - Irrigation Development Grant	Development of new irrigation projects, and activities that increase the value of agriculture for existing irrigated lands.	Government & Private entities	Alice Stanley, DNRC, 406-444-6687, astanley@mt.gov	http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/ResourceDevelopment/IrrigationDevelopment/default.asp	Open Cycle	No	\$15,000
DNRC - Private Grants	Project relating to water where the quantifiable benefits will exceed the costs.	An individual, association, for profit corportation or NPO	Bill Herbolich, DNRC, 406-444-6668, wherbolich@mt.gov	http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/ResourceDevelopment/PrivateLoans.asp	Open Cycle	No	\$2,500 of 25% of the total estimated cost of the project
DNRC - RDGP Planning Grants	Research and application preparation for an RDGP project grant, planning for projects that are eligible for RDGP project grants.	Governmental Entities	Alicia Stickney, DNRC, 406-444-6668, astickney@mt.gov	http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/ResourceDevelopment/rdgp/ReclamationDevelopmentGrantsProgram.asp	End of each quarter beginning Sept. 30	No	Varies depending on purpose of grant
DNRC - Reclamation and Development Grants (RDGP) Grant	Reclamation, abandoned mining and hazardous materials, mitigation, research, and crucial state.	Governmental Entities	Alicia Stickney, DNRC, 406-444-6668, astickney@mt.gov	http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/ResourceDevelopment/rdgp/ReclamationDevelopmentGrantsProgram.asp	May 15th even numbered years	Yes	\$300,000
DNRC - Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) Planning Grant	Must be for the conservation, management, development or protection of a renewable resource in Montana.	Governmental Entities	Pam Smith, DNRC, 406-444-6668, pamsmith@mt.gov	http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/ResourceDevelopment/ProjectPlanningGrants.asp	Open Cycle	No	\$25,000
DNRC - Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) Project Grant	Must be for the conservation, management, development or protection of a renewable resource in Montana.	Governmental Entities	Pam Smith, DNRC, 406-444-6668, pamsmith@mt.gov	http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/ResourceDevelopment/rrgp/RenewableGrantProgram.asp	May 15th even numbered years	No	\$100,000
DNRC - RRGL Emergency Grants	Projects that require immediate attention to prevent substantial damage or legal liability. The project cannot be the result of inadequate operation and maintenance	Governmental Entities	Bob Fischer, DNRC, 406-444-6668, rfischer@mt.gov	http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/ResourceDevelopment/EmergencyGrants.asp	Open Cycle	No	\$30,000
MDA - MT Department of Agriculture - Noxious Weed Trust Fund	Herbicide and commercial application for noxious weed control; must have at least 3 cooperating adjacent landowners for a local cooperative projects; also provides funding for weed education and research projects.	Anyone, but with a sponsor of a County Weed District, Conservation District, University, or Reservation	Kim Antonick, MDA, 406-444-1517, kantonick2@mt.gov	http://agr.mt.gov/agr/Programs/Weeds/	December	Yes	\$75,000
MFWP - Future Fisheries	Projects that restore or enhance habitat for naturally reproducing populations of wild fish.	Anyone, but coordination with local fishery biologist recommended	Michelle McGree, MFWP, 406-444-2432, mmcgree@ mt.gov	http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/habitat/fish/futureFisheries/	Dec 1 & June 1	Encouraged	No